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TAGS: EWWT, ETRD, TC
SUBJ: PORT SITUATION IN ABU DHABI

REF: ABU DHABI 0639

1. ACCORDING TO PORT DIRECTOR,
SHIPS CALLING AT ABU DHABI ARE ABLE
TO BEGIN UNLOADING WITHOUT DELAYS. PORT HANDLED ABOUT 1.6 MILLION
TONS OF CARGO IN 1977 AND WILL PROCESS UP TO 5 MILLION TONS PER
YEAR WHEN THE CURRENT EXPANSION PROGRAM IS COMPLETED IN 1979.

2. THE PORT HAS 15 DEEP WATER BERTHS (35FT.) IN OPERATION, TWO
OF WHICH ARE USED FOR GRAIN HANDLING. CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE ADDI-
TIONAL
BERTHS WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1978 AND TENDERS FOR EQUIPMENT
FOR HANDLING CONTAINER AND RO-RO CARGO HAVE BEEN SOLICITED (SEE
REF.). THE LATTER WILL BE IN OPERATION NEXT YEAR. THERE IS ROOM
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FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NINE MORE BERTHS WHEN THIS BECOMES NECESSARY.

3. CARGO VOLUME DECLINED SHARPLY IN THE LATTER PART OF 1977 AS
A RESULT OF A MINI RECESSION IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. PORT
MANAGEMENT EXPECTS TO ELIMINATE ONE OF THE THREE SHIFTS BY THE
END OF MARCH SINCE IT IS NO LONGER NEEDED.

4. ABU DHABI EXPECTS TO CAPTURE A LARGER SHARE OF UAE IMPORTS IN THE FUTURE. UNLIKE OTHER EMIRATES, PORT FEES DO NOT PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT SHARE OF LOCAL REVENUES. A NEW SCHEDULE OF CHARGES WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THESE ARE EXPECTED TO BE BELOW THE COST OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED. COMPLETION OF CONTAINER HANDLING FACILITIES WILL ENABLE THE PORT TO COMPETE FOR CARGO BOUND FOR QATER. PORT AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING SENDING SOME SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL TO EUROPE FOR CARGO HANDLING TRAINING IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE CREW PRODUCTIVITY.
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